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RE: May 31, 2023 Technical Deficiency Letter Application No. 7974SM1C12 NPDES Permit No. PA0594121 Rock Hill Quarry

Dear Mr. Tallman:

Heidelberg Materials Northeast LLC ("Heidelberg") is in receipt of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's ("PADEP") technical deficiency letter regarding Heidelberg's NPDES permit application, dated May 31, 2023 ("Letter"), in which PADEP identified a series of items it would like Heidelberg to address.

Among the items identified by PADEP is a request that Heidelberg "provide additional data for existing water quality for the Unnamed Tributary to the Tohickon Creek. 'The minimum data set that can be used for this purpose is 24 samples collected over a 12-month period (see Chapter 5).'" Thus, in order to satisfy PADEP's request, Heidelberg will likely need to collect data for a 12-month period and then will need additional time to review, analyze, and report that data.

Therefore, given the scope of PADEP's request and subsequent to our recent conversations, Heidelberg requests the following extensions of time to allow preparation of a full and adequate response to PADEP's Letter:

- 1. <u>Items 1-6, 8-13, 15 (to the extent applicable) and 16</u>: a one hundred and twenty (120) day extension until November 3, 2023. This will allow Heidelberg adequate time to revise its permit application to address the items identified by PADEP, including its various modules, E&S Plan, and calculations.
- 2. <u>Items 7 and 15 (to the extent applicable)</u>: a 14-month extension until September 30, 2024. This will allow Heidelberg adequate time to collect and analyze samples and evaluate non-discharge alternatives, if applicable.

3. <u>Items 14 and 15 (to the extent applicable)</u>: a 14-month extension until September 30, 2024. Heidelberg is aware that PADEP's Ridge Run HSCA site investigation is ongoing. Heidelberg's ability to respond to inquiries regarding PADEP's data at the Ridge Run HSCA site is contingent in part upon PADEP's ongoing evaluation and data collection.

Heidelberg respectfully requests that PADEP grant the above-requested extensions of time given the extensive work that is required in order to properly address all items raised in PADEP's Letter and to incorporate any new information regarding the Ridge Run site as it becomes available.

Please be assured that Heidelberg takes this matter very seriously and intends to fully and adequately respond to all items identified in PADEP's Letter. We ask that you grant this continuance to give us the proper time to do so.

Regards,

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